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www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.southeastbrownfields.com/hickory/



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Former Piedmont Wagon, 1020 Main Avenue NW

Brownfield Assessment Grant Progress

The City has completed four Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) using EPA Brownfield Grant funds at the former Piedmont Wagon property, former Moretz Mill property, former Hollar Hosiery Mill, and former Elliot Knitting Mill property. Research into the history of the sites, review of environmental records, and site inspections were conducted to identify potential environmental concerns at each property.

Phase II ESA soil and ground water sampling activities have been completed at the former Hollar Hosiery Mill and former Piedmont Wagon properties, and additional Phase II ESAs are planned for late 2009 and into early 2010.

Former Piedmont Wagon Property

The property is located at 1020 Main Avenue NW, and is comprised of a 0.66-acre land parcel that contains one vacant four-story industrial warehouse building.

Piedmont Wagon Manufacturing Company historically operated on the property from 1889 until the late 1950s when the company went



Former Piedmont Wagon—Northern Facade



Former Piedmont Wagon—Western Facade

out of business. Piedmont Wagon Company built horse and carriage wagons, trailers, and eventually manufactured automobile station wagon beds.

Preliminary review of recent Phase II ESA soil and ground water data indicates that no additional assessment or engineering controls will likely be required for the property prior to redevelopment. The property is currently available and for sale.

Former Hollar Hosiery Mill

The former Hollar Hosiery Mill property is located at 883 Highland Avenue Southeast, and is comprised of 2.07 acres that contains one vacant two-story building.

The subject site was first developed prior to 1925. Various textile companies and other businesses occupied the property until the early 1990s. The site buildings have been vacant since the early 1990s.

Brownfield Phase II ESA assessment data indicated that additional assessment or engineering controls may be required for the property prior to redevelopment. The property was recently sold and redevelopment plans are



Former Hollar Hosiery Mill—Western Facade

currently being developed.

Brownfields 2009 Conference

A National Brownfields Conference will be held in New Orleans from November 16 through 18, 2009. The National Brownfields Conference is the “largest, most comprehensive conference in the nation focused on environmental revitalization and economic redevelopment”.

Several of the City's Brownfield properties will be presented to prospective buyers and developers at the conference during the “Brownfields Transaction Forum”. For more information, please contact Mr. Frazier or visit www.brownfieldsconference.org.

Reminders

- Please visit the City's Brownfield program website www.southeastbrownfields.com/hickory/ for information on properties, program progress, and community meetings.
- The City has set up a computer in the lobby of city hall to give citizens an opportunity to learn more about the Brownfields program and each project.

Upcoming Events

December 2, 2009, Julian G. Whitener Municipal Building, Hickory, NC — A BAG meeting will be held from 11:30-1:00 in the second floor conference room.

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